

March 2, 2010

To: Human Services Committee
Re: Bill 315

Hello Senator Doyle and Representative Walker:

My name is Mary Ann Langton and I live in West Hartford. i would like to encourage you to support SB 315 AN ACT CONCERNING SEXUAL ASSAULT OF DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED OR SEVERELY DISABLED PERSON. This bill provides that when sexual assault has occurred when someone has sex with someone and "the ability of such other person to resist or consent to such sexual intercourse is substantially impaired because of mental or physical condition or advanced age constitutes and the actor knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the ability of such other person to resist or consent to such sexual intercourse is so impaired." SB 315 is very important to me because I was sexually abused.

I feel very lucky to be alive today because, at several times, the attacker tried to strangle me. I was fortunate to fight him off of me. The attacker was also emotionally abusive to me. These abusive acts led to me being depressed, and having to rebuild my life. In addition, I have been emotionally abused by personal care assistants who I hire to assist me with my daily needs.

I hope you will see the importance of SB 315, and ensuring the rights of women with disabilities.

Thank you,

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